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MAKING A SPLASH

Iuliia Mykhailova practices her routine with the water bowl on Tuesday, ahead of the opening of Cirque du Soleil: Amaluna in Calgary on Wednesday evening. The show is the only one in Cirque's touring lineup that features the water bowl, currently set up under a massive tent at the south end of the Stampede grounds. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Police suspend marine unit

Power struggle?

Paddlers fear freedom may be lost as fire department, bylaw officers push for authority on city rivers

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Calgary police have suspended their eight-man marine unit — currently the only on-water group in the city with authority to order boaters off the Bow and Elbow rivers.

The move, learned by Metro and confirmed by police Tuesday, spurred a great deal of concern among local boating groups and comes in the wake of a summer rafting season last year that became the centre of much controversy.

"(Police) are all for education and enforcing the law and they really want the right people to be out there," said Karla Handy, program services co-ordinator with Paddle Alberta.

But some power on the rivers may fall to the Calgary Fire Department and city bylaw officers, who are appealing to Transport Canada to be "legally placed to direct people off the river," said Tyler Pelke, CFD assistant deputy chief.

Pelke cautioned, however, that the fire department began inquiring about such authority last year, adding he only learned this week of the police unit suspension.

The fire department has repeatedly expressed public-safety concerns over the $17-million Harvie Passage, which opened last year on the Bow. While the development serves its purpose of overcoming a deadly weir, dubbed by local boaters as the "drowning machine," its fast-moving and unpredictable rapids still pose challenges for inexperienced boaters.

The fire department conducted about 70 rescues in the passage last year and Calgary resident Brad Kuhl died after his raft overturned in the rapids over the Canada Day long weekend.

But a statement from the police service maintained that river safety remains a "priority," even during an ongoing review of the marine unit.

"We will continue to work with our partners on river-safety messaging and will continue to conduct prevention and enforcement activities at rafting launch sites to stop any criminal activity and help deter unsafe practices," reads a statement.

Handy said, however, she's still worried about uncertainty over whether police will still be active on the actual water this summer. She said the fire department appears more focused on waterway enforcement and bans than education.

"Right now, it's kayakers, kind of, versus the fire department and we'll see how it comes out," she said.

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In court Thursday.

Man charged in sexual assault of teenage girl

Police have charged a 30-year-old man in relation to the sexual assault of a teenage girl over the weekend.

On Saturday around 5 p.m., police say, the 17-year-old girl was on her way downtown to meet a friend when a man approached her and convinced her to "hang out."

When the girl went to the washroom in an office tower connected to the Plus 15 system around 7:30 p.m., investigators say the man entered the washroom and sexually assaulted her before she was able to flee and call for help.

Acting Staff Sgt. Andy Nguyen said witnesses came to the aid of the victim.

"The victim, after fleeing from the washroom, ran into these witnesses who were outside the bathroom. There were several witnesses and two of the witnesses pursued the suspect," said Nguyen.

"A physical altercation ensued when they caught up to the man."

The suspect eventually fled the scene but was arrested a few hours later in the community of Wentworth.

Nguyen said the victim is now receiving support.

Daniel Christopher Mahon, 30, of Calgary is facing charges of sexual assault causing bodily harm, overcoming resistance by choking and breach of recognizance.

Mahon is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday.

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Calgary resident Phil Young purchases downtown parking via the ParkPlus system, which the city now plans to license and sell to other jurisdictions. METRO FILE

End of legal battle means Calgary can sell valuable ParkPlus technology

Financial boon.

By August, the city and CPA plan to request proposals to commercialize ParkPlus system and monetize its patent rights

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Taxpayers stand to benefit — but parking rates won't be affected — now that a lengthy legal dispute has been settled over ownership of valuable ParkPlus technology, according to the Calgary Parking Authority.

"It's good for the city, it's good for the taxpayers, who actually paid for the development of ParkPlus," CPA chairman Dickson Wood said Tuesday, after the authority announced litigation with two former employees had come to an end.

The CPA and the city are now able to license or sell the technology to other jurisdictions in Alberta, across Canada, and around the world.

"We believe there is a lot of potential," Wood said. "There certainly has been a lot of interest from other jurisdictions."

What's most attractive about the system, he said, is the way it integrates different technologies for parking payment, enforcement and information.

"The system has various capabilities that no other system, at this point in time, can match," Wood said. "So that's everything from enforceability to ease-of-use by customers, and ultimately we'll see real-time parking availability on phone apps."

The city has spent $750,000 in its legal battle with Dale Fraser and Allan Bazar, but Mayor Naheed Nenshi said it was worth the cost to arrive at this end.

"This is I think a very good settlement," he said. "It's a settlement that results in no future costs to the city, so as a result it's certainly better than any number of alternatives. And it's certainly better than going to trial."

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Terms of the settlement

- The former employees acknowledged that the City of Calgary and CPA are the exclusive owners of the ParkPlus system.
- All claims and counter-claims are now ended and the city and CPA will pay no money to the former employees.

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Construction season.
Mostly smooth sailing expected on city roads

For the most part, Calgary's major thoroughfares will be spared the jackhammers and pavers this construction season.

When snow finally flees from the forecast, city construction crews will shut 36th Avenue N.E., used by some to access the Calgary International Airport, as it works to widen Airport Trail between Deerfoot Trail and Barlow Trail. That closure could span four months.

The city will also be closing one of the two lanes in each direction on Edmonton Trail between 34th and 41st Avenues N.E. to rebuild a road that has run its course, said Gordon Stewart, transportation infrastructure director.

"We're disrupting people's lives less this year," he said, comparing to difficulties created by other recent projects like a widening of 52nd Street S.E. that forced the closure of 12 blocks and was delayed.

Commuters on Edmonton Trail could face some delays this summer.
ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

He added that some paving will occur on the aforementioned 52nd Street and a lane closure will remain in effect on Crowchild Trail in the far northwest as work continues to extend the LRT to Tuscany.

The province, meanwhile, will continue work on Stoney Trail S.E., scheduled to be completed in October.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Health care. Calgary cancer clinic accused of systematic queue jumping under review

Alberta Health Services is reviewing the practices of a Calgary cancer clinic accused of allowing patients to jump the queue for tests.

Chris Mazurkewich, the chief operating officer of AHS, says the review will ensure that care at the centre is based on clinical decision-making and patient need and nothing else.

Mazurkewich says they also want to determine why an internal investigation into reports of queue jumping at the clinic in early 2012 did not yield any evidence, only to a have evidence surface a year later at Alberta's preferential access inquiry.

Mazurkewich says the investigation begins in May and is expected to be completed by the summer.

Patients charts and testimony at the preferential-access inquiry revealed that for years patients at the private Helios Wellness Centre were seen and treated at the Colon Cancer Centre within months while everyone else waited years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family of 'one-punch' homicide victim frustrated by delays

Sports argument.
Brian Ludwig's family said the fight that led to his death began with a dispute over the Toronto Blue Jays

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Family and friends of the late Brian Ludwig are frustrated that the man accused of killing him with a single punch outside a Calgary bar last summer has yet to enter a plea, nearly eight months after the incident.

"It's frustrating but that's the Canadian system, right?" said Heather Ludwig, Brian's sister, who has been anxiously waiting for something to happen with the court case.

The 41-year-old father died following a fight outside Swigs Pub and Grill in the early morning hours of Aug. 26, 2012.

Scott Robert Hooser, 27, was arrested, charged with manslaughter, and later released, pending the next step in the court proceedings.

Hooser was arrested again on March 21 for impaired driving and breaching his release conditions, according to Calgary police.

He remains in custody, according to Alberta Justice, and his next court date for all the charges is Friday.

Heather worries the additional charges will delay the case further.

Brian's mother, Angela Ludwig, said Friday's court date will be the 10th for Hooser since he was initially arrested, and she's not optimistic it will yield a plea.

"I'm 65 years old," she said. "I might not be alive to see this to its conclusion."

Brian Ludwig and his daughter, Mikita, are seen in the family photo from February 2010. CONTRIBUTED

'Senseless violence'

The Ludwig family researched numerous other "one-punch" deaths and started a foundation to raise awareness about "the impact that senseless violence has on our family, our community and our society."

- A scholarship in Brian's name is being established. More Information can be found at brianludwigfoundation.com

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Truckers unite after Deerfoot tragedy

Push-truck accident. Auction being held to raise money for deceased's family

Linked only by a common lifestyle, truckers and companies across Alberta are pitching in for an auction to benefit the family of a father killed on Deerfoot Trail last week.

Andre Lalonde, 39, died when the push truck he was operating rolled on its side. He left behind a wife and two kids.

"It affects the whole industry.... There is always that thought in the back of your mind that it could happen to you," said Dan Kosowan, an employee of Entrec Corporation and moderator of the Heavy Life Alberta Facebook page, which serves as a common meeting ground for truckers and heavy-equipment enthusiasts.

Kosowan is planning to use the page to launch an online auction this weekend featuring clothing, model cranes, gift baskets and even a massive wall painting. He said donations have poured in and every cent raised will go to Lalonde's family.

Andre Lalonde
CONTRIBUTED

Lalonde's company, Whissell Contracting Calgary Ltd., has also started a trust fund to benefit his kids, Michaelle, 7, and Alexina, 2.

Company representative Dewayne Steedman said Tuesday donations have been steadily coming in from partners and clients.

Lalonde's wife, Melissa, described him over the weekend as "the best dad," adding he was always willing to help others.

Kosowan didn't personally know the Lalonde but said a brotherhood exists among truckers.

"We are all out there to do the same job and work together to get it done," he said.

For more information or to donate to the auction, email dkosowan@entrec.com.

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Stampede. Grandstand Show unveils lineup

This year's TransAlta Grandstand Show at the Calgary Stampede will feature performances from a number of local arts groups, as well as a few acts from abroad.

The 2013 show will involve five genres of music, special effects and a flying baby grand piano, among other surprises, according to Stampede officials.

"Each year we create new shows for our guests," said Bill Avery, Grandstand Show executive producer, in a statement.

"We have new performers and features, but they all have one thing in common: music. We are thrilled to feature music as this year's theme. Music has the power to evoke so much emotion while telling a story."

Along with the Young Canadians, performers with groups such as the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, Calgary Opera and Alberta Ballet will be featured this year.

Two groups from China will also be taking the stage — Flag Circus, comprising ballet dancers who perform on lit globes, and Pole on Globes, an acrobatic group.

Tickets for this year's Grandstand Show are available online at calgarystampede.com/tickets beginning at $54. METRO

The Calgary Stampede says the 2013 TransAlta Grandstand Show will be based on a theme of music and embrace local talent. METRO FILE

On the loose. Cop bitten while chasing dogs

Calgary police say an officer is being treated for minor injuries after trying to corral two large dogs in a schoolyard Tuesday.

Police were called to the 200 block of Martindale Boulevard N.E. around 10:30 a.m. and managed to contain the two dogs, but one officer was bitten in the leg.

After tracking the dogs, police and bylaw developed a plan for the canine capture, including the Tasering of both animals, according to CPS Staff Sgt. Jay Judin.

"It wasn't until more of a co-ordinated effort between CPS and animal bylaw was developed that we were able to corral them to an area and detain them," said Judin.

The bitten officer was offered the rest of the day off but declined, Judin said.

The two dogs were handed over to animal and bylaw services.

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Cancer therapy

Calgary teen takes top research prize

A 16-year-old Alberta high school student has taken top prize in this year's Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada contest with his research into an experimental therapy that uses nano-particles to kill cancer cells.

Arjun Nair, a Grade 11 student at Webber Academy in Calgary, was awarded the $5,000 honour Tuesday by a panel of Canadian scientists at the National Research Council's headquarters in Ottawa.

"I'm still in a state of shock," Nair said after receiving the award.

Nair's project represents an advance in photothermal therapy, which involves injecting a patient with gold nano-particles. The particles accumulate in tumours, forming so-called "nano-bullets" that can be heated to kill cancer cells.

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Crime. Alberta bungled case of deported woman who drowned sons: Lawyer

The lawyer for a woman ordered deported after serving time for drowning her children says Alberta's attorney general bungled the file.

Peter Royal says Jonathan Denis knew for almost six months that Allyson McConnell was going to be sent back to her native Australia when she was released last week.

McConnell was found guilty a year ago of killing her two children, but a Crown appeal of the sentence and conviction has yet to be heard.

Letter

- The lawyer, in a letter to a local paper, says the Crown did not ask for the appeal to be heard sooner.

Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has also said the province dropped the ball by not asking for a quicker appeal hearing, but Denis says his office has done everything by the book. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta Health Services

Executive defends plan to discontinue cheaper hospital parking for veterans

An Alberta Health Services executive is standing behind a plan to phase out a program that provides discounted parking to military veterans at Calgary hospitals.

The program, which was originally implemented by the former Calgary Health Region, sees parking passes sold at a reduced rate to the Calgary Poppy Fund, a service branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The passes are then loaned to veterans and their spouses for use at Calgary-area hospitals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Art studio on a bike aims to connect communities

Hannah Poon's bicycle, which has been repainted and had a cart attached, acts as a mobile art studio. CONTRIBUTED

The Art Bike project. Hannah Poon was inspired after seeing a donut stand attached to a bicycle on a recent trip to Colombia

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Thanks to the efforts of one student, Calgarians will be able to connect through art.

Eastern University student Hannah Poon started her "social experiment" called The Art Bike project, which incorporates a mobile art studio, as a tool for community development and a way to connect people from different communities.

"The hope is to be able to create some relationships between people that come to the studio," Poon said.

She said she drew some inspiration from her trip to Bogota, Colombia, where she spotted a donut stand attached to a bicycle. It sparked her interest in doing art on the go.

"When I saw the donut bike in Bogota, I thought to myself that I should do it in a bike form."

Poon said the project is starting to take form. "I just found it interesting to see if art could be taken to the next level. The project is constantly evolving and things are changing and growing as it goes."

The Art Bike project is expected to launch in June in Inglewood, Bowness and Downtown Calgary and will run until September.

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"I'm open to seeing where it will go."

Eastern University student Hannah Poon, on her Art Bike project.

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Crime ring. Alleged teen pimps documented crimes in photos: Crown

Sexually explicit photos of teenage girls were described in detail in an Ottawa courtroom Tuesday as a trial into an alleged teen-prostitution ring entered its second day.

The photos, retrieved from a cellphone found on one of the three accused, show 10 girls ranging in age from 13 to 18 in compromising positions. One girl appeared to be stripped of her clothing, passed out in a bathtub. The Crown says they were sent to prospective Johns.

Four girls were allegedly pimped out and forced into sex.

Three teen girls are facing charges of human trafficking, forcible confinement, assault, robbery and uttering threats to one complainant, stemming from May 2012 events.

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Road safety. Ontario truck maker says it will install side guards

New Democrat MP Olivia Chow says Canada is a step closer to safer roads after Ontario truck manufacturer Shu-Pak Equipment Inc. agreed to put side guards on all its new vehicles. But she says it's still not enough.

The NDP transportation critic has renewed her calls for the federal government to implement a private member's bill she introduced in the House of Commons to make side guards mandatory on heavy trucks in Canada.

It follows the deaths of several cyclists who died beneath the wheels of big trucks in Toronto and elsewhere.

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'They turned against her': Dead teen's mother

Leah Parsons holds some photos of her daughter Rehtaeh at her home in Cole Harbour, N.S., on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Bullying victim. Rehtaeh Parsons, 17, killed herself after months of abuse

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

Sitting on the couch in her living room, Leah Parsons gathered a blanket around her legs and looked around at the photos of her daughter lining the walls.

"Rehtaeh's everywhere here," Parsons said with a sad smile.

Rehtaeh Parsons, 17, died in hospital Sunday, several days after hanging herself following months of bullying and victimization stemming from a fall night in 2011 when her mother says she was raped by four boys.

"She was a very busy, headstrong girl," Parsons said in the Cole Harbour, N.S., home she shares with her partner, Jason, and where Rehtaeh grew up.

In her younger years, Parsons said, Rehtaeh was a straight-A student who couldn't get enough of books and learning, and wanted to be a marine activist.

On that November night two years ago, Parsons said, Rehtaeh had been at a friend's house when the alleged assault occurred. Her daughter remembered being led upstairs by one of the boys, but not much else after that, until she heard the click of a photo being taken.

Rehtaeh Parsons

A few days later, one of the boys sent out the photo via text, and when Rehtaeh walked into Cole Harbour District High School she was called a slut.

"She never could go back to that school again," Parsons said. "They turned against her."

They reported the alleged sexual assault to police, but charges were never laid and the investigation took about a year to complete.

"It could have been handled a lot differently," Parsons said.

Court reduces sentences of two torturers

Ontario's top court has lowered the sentences of a Hamilton couple who held a developmentally disabled man captive and tortured him while draining his bank account to buy drugs and video-game equipment.

Dakota Thompson and Stanley Brown were part of a group convicted of aggravated assault and forcible confinement for inflicting horrific injuries on a 23-year-old disabled man over more than two weeks in 2009.

Brown was originally sentenced to 13 years — nearly double the sentence the defence and Crown had jointly suggested — and Thompson was sentenced to 10 years, which was also far more than the Crown had recommended.

The Appeal Court sentenced Brown to serve seven years and two months and Thompson to six years and eight months. With credit for pre-trial custody and the time they have already served in prison, they would be eligible to apply for parole in about a year.

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Disabled man

Thompson, Brown, their roommate and a youth lured the victim to their apartment by telling him they were going to help him look for a missing cellphone.

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School stabbing spree ends in suspect's arrest

Cypress, Texas.
At least 14 injured as man stalked from building to building

A student went on a mass stabbing assault at a Texas community college Tuesday, wounding at least 14 people — many in the face and neck — before being subdued and arrested, authorities and witnesses said.

The attack at about 11:20 a.m. on the Lone Star Community College System's campus in Cypress sent at least 12 people to hospital, while several others refused treatment at the scene, according to Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department spokesman Robert Rasa.

Two people remained in critical condition Tuesday evening at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center, spokeswoman Alex Rodriguez said.

Michelle Alvarez, a Lone Star Community College System student, was one of the people attacked on Tuesday. JAMES NIELSEN/HOUSTON CHRONICLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diante Cotton, 20, said he was sitting in a cafeteria with some friends when a girl clutching her neck walked in, yelling, "He's stabbing people! He's stabbing people!"

Cotton said he could not see the girl's injuries, but when he and his friends went outside, they saw a half-dozen people with injuries to their faces and necks being loaded into ambulances and medical helicopters.

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia said there were indications when calls came in to the department that "students or faculty were actively responding to work to subdue this individual."

"So we're proud of those folks but we're glad no one else is injured any more severely than they are," Garcia said.

Student Michael Chalfan said he was walking to class when he saw a group of police officers also running after the suspect. He said one officer used a stun gun to help subdue the man. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Victim

"He came running and swinging at my neck as I tried to get out of the way."
Student Michelle Alvarez
to the Houston Chronicle

Serbia. Gunman kills 13 in their beds, at doorsteps

He went from house to house in the village at dawn, gunning down his mother, his son, a two-year-old cousin and 10 other neighbours. Residents said if a police patrol car hadn't shown up, they all would have been dead.

Police said they had no motive yet for the carnage that left six men, six women and a child dead Tuesday in Velika Ivanca, a Serbian village 50 kilometres southeast of Belgrade.

"Most of the victims were shot while they were asleep," Serbian police chief Milorad Veljovic told reporters.

After the rampage, police said suspect Ljubisa Bogdanovic, 60, turned his gun on himself and his wife as authorities closed in. Both were in grave condition at hospital.

"He knocked on the doors, and as they were opened he just fired a shot," said villager Radovan Radosavljevic. "He was a good neighbour, and anyone would open their doors to him."

The suspect's older brother Radmilo was unable to explain why the massacre happened.

"As a child, he was a frightened little boy," he said. "He couldn't even slaughter a chicken."

But he said his brother changed after fighting in a brutal Serb-led offensive against the Croatian town of Vukovar in 1992.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serbia awash in guns

The wars from 1991 to 1999 as Yugoslavia broke up left much of the region traumatized and heavily armed.

- Weapons owned by civilians have caused fatalities every week, as traumatized former soldiers shoot family or commit suicide or kids find guns at home.
- Serbia has about three million weapons owned by civilians, according to the Small Arms Survey, a Swiss NGO. It says Serbia has the fifth-highest number of weapons per capita in the world, with some 38 guns for every 100 people.

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Britain's Margaret Thatcher — divisive even in death

Graffiti adorns a wall in west Belfast, Northern Ireland, on Tuesday. While some Britons mourned the death of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, others raised glasses of champagne at impromptu street parties. And the song Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead from The Wizard of Oz is surging up the U.K. singles charts. Thatcher was an unusually divisive figure blamed by many for crippling Britain's labour unions and sabotaging workers' rights. South Africans also passionately debated whether Thatcher helped or hindered the cruel system of white rule. Many leaders, however, were quick to share their praise and admiration for Thatcher — Stephen Harper will attend her funeral, scheduled for April 17 in London, as will Queen Elizabeth. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drugs, booze, sex

Cop consultant, 17, quits over tweets

She was hired to teach local police about British youth — but it was 17-year-old Paris Brown who said she learned a lesson after her tweets about drugs, drinking and sex hit the tabloids.

Brown resigned after a brief stint over tweets containing gay and racist slurs.

"Been drinking since half 1 (sic) and riding baby walkers down the hall at work oh my god i have the best job ever haha," read one tweet. Another referenced a desire to make "hash brownies."

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Iran

Quake brings 3 days of mourning

A 6.1-magnitude earthquake killed at least 37 and injured hundreds more in southern Iran on Tuesday, officials said, adding that it did not damage a nuclear plant in the region.

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Pipeline pitch

'Not my job' to sell Keystone: Redford

Alberta Premier Alison Redford said it's not her job to promote Keystone XL, even as she's working Washington this week in favour of the controversial pipeline.

Rather, she said, her role is to describe Alberta policy.

Yet the Alberta government took out a large ad in the Washington Post that day, pitching the pipeline as "the choice of reason."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google Street View

Parliament opens up to virtual tours

Google Street View is capturing images to let people take a virtual tour through the halls and offices of the Parliament Buildings.

On Tuesday, Google began wheeling its panoramic camera through the House of Commons, the Senate, the parliamentary library, the hall of honour and the prime minister's office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starting April 1, the Civic Census and Enumeration will be conducted.

Census Takers/Enumerators will be going door to door to collect basic household information and names of eligible electors. An Enumeration is being conducted to prepare for the 2013 General Election. Your participation is essential and only takes a couple of minutes.

All Census Takers/Enumerators wear photo identification issued by The City.

New in 2013, data will be collected on mobile devices.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/census.

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Coverup: New hospital gown minds the gap

Detroit. Redesigned robe is thicker, more stylish and less breezy

A U.S. hospital has a new patient gown that aims to offer a little more style, comfort and rear coverage for patients.

Resembling a wrap-around robe, the gown closes in the back and front and is made of a thicker, cotton and polyester blend to keep patients warmer. It's being used on several inpatient floors at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.

The gown was developed by the Henry Ford Innovation Institute in collaboration with the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. "A simple change can have a large impact on the patients' stay at a hospital. By creating a hospital gown that is safe, stylish and comfortable, we've made the patient feel more at home, like they're wearing their own garments," said Michael Forbes, a product designer at the Henry Ford Innovation Institute. Officials hope to license the design to a manufacturer.

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A new patient gown being used at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit is designed with patient comfort in mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dampening the draft

> "Our No. 1 goal was to close the backside of the gown with our design."
>
> Michael Forbes, product designer at the Henry Ford Innovation Institute

Real estate

First-time home buyers expect to spend $300K, survey shows

According to the BMO First-Time Home Buyer's Report, the average amount Canadians planning to buy their first home in the next five years plan to spend is approximately $300,000, with an average down payment amount of $48,000.

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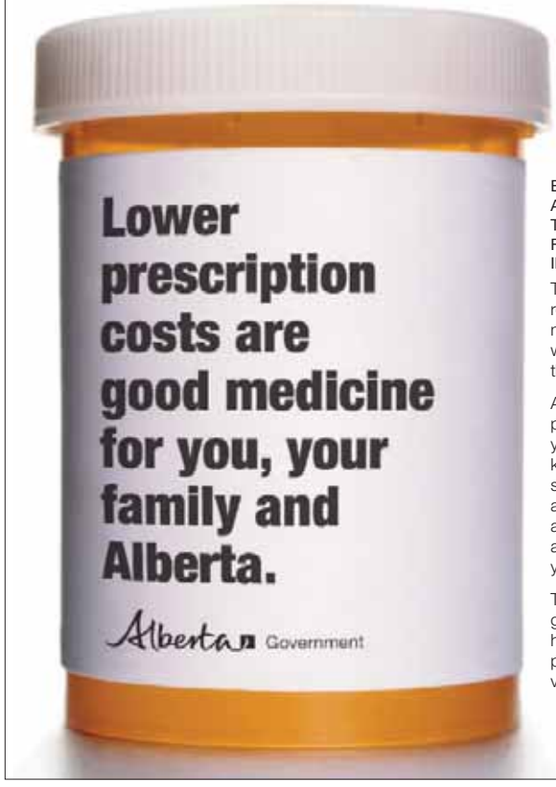

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JUST SAYIN'

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We are not alone.

We just haven't noticed yet.

That's one conclusion you could draw from the latest breathless alien disclosure.

The so-called "Atacama Humanoid" is so called because it was allegedly found in the Atacama Desert of Chile, and is only six inches tall. Talk about your "little" green man. Easy to overlook.

A full closeup is promised on April 22 when a "documentary" called Sirius premieres in Hollywood.

There's the first clue.

In the trailer, Atacama Humanoid is featured at his (her?) own autopsy, along with a lot of the usual stuff about how the presence of aliens and their cool technology on Earth has been suppressed by the oil industry, large corporations and financial interests, blah, blah. Why is it these guys always suppress cool technologies but somehow adopt loser technologies like electric cars, solar power and wind? (Elementary, my dear Watson. Precisely because they don't work.)

The trailer for Sirius is causing a fair amount of fringe-media fuss because of the autopsy scenes and an X-ray of Atacama Humanoid, which reveals an anatomically plausible skeleton. In the autopsy shot, it appears that someone is extracting Atacama's brain from the back of his tiny skull. Either that or it's a note that says, "Fooled you again, sucker."

The man behind these shenanigans, er, proceedings is Dr. Steven Greer, a former-emergency room medical doctor, who claims to have attracted the highest ever amount of crowd-sourced funds for a documentary (see "sucker" above). ER goes ET.

Dr. Greer is the self-declared world's leading authority on extraterrestrials, and has founded more centres and projects than you can shake a stick at. There's another clue: Real scientists don't need to create their own centres and projects. That's what universities are for.

Sadly, even though we're doomed to be disappointed — ah-gain — the Internet is abuzz with a desperate hope that this time, ET really has come to call. I mean, this guy Greer is a real doctor, so he says, and the former chairman of a real emergency department in North Carolina.

But this is hardly his first "disclosure." He's been disclosing the truth about aliens since at least 1993. Funny — until now nobody has paid any attention.

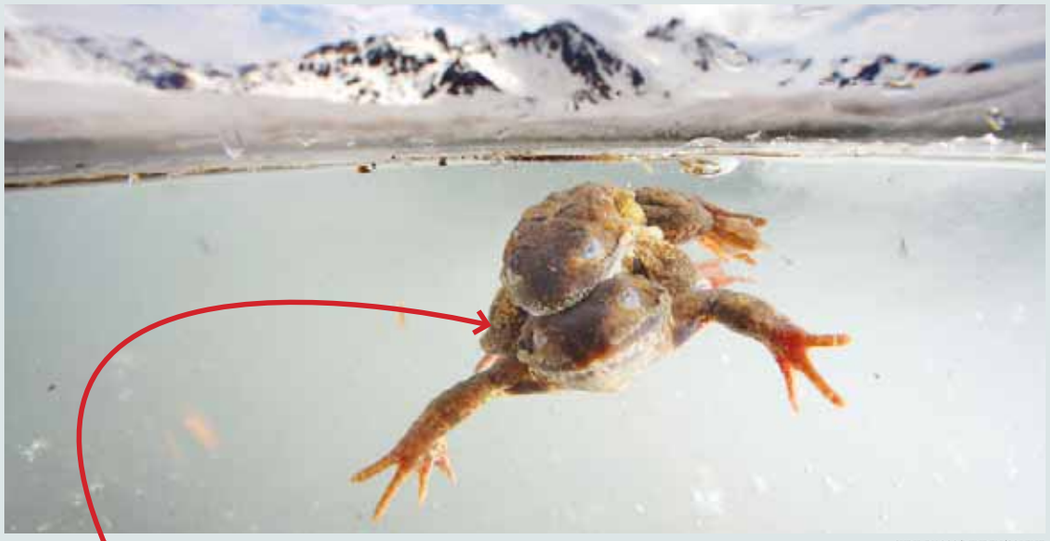
Maybe Dr. Greer is a victim of Short Alien Syndrome. It's hard to take seriously an alien autopsy performed with tweezers.

Remember, too, that this is not the first alien autopsy; that was the aptly titled 1995 faux broadcast Alien Autopsy: (Fact or Fiction?) It turned out to be the latter. At least that fake alien was bigger than a breadbox.

So, fellow ET buffs, be prepared to have your faith shattered, yet again. I fear we're the victims of an Earth-bound conspiracy: nasty, brutish ... and short.

ZOOM

How come you're the big spoon?



CYRIL RUOSO/MINDEN/SOLENT

Frog's romantic hug in icy waters

These frogs aren't fazed by the freezing temperatures as they take a quick dip in a frozen pond. The brave amphibians hold on to each other as they glide through the lakes near some snowy mountains.

Photographer Cyril Ruoso was delighted when he shot this unique moment in the Massif de Beaufort in the French Alps. **METRO**

Q and A

Camera whores

CYRIL RUOSO
Wildlife photographer, 43, from France

How did you manage to take this striking photograph?
I used a specific homemade floating perch for the camera to rest on, and a remote-control transmission linked to the camera in a water housing. It's not exactly the most standard of equipment but it worked. It seems a very tricky shot to take, with the frogs normally being averse to such frigid conditions.

What were the challenges?
They seemed to be fascinated with the shiny dome of the camera lens. Every time they came into contact with it, I had to clean the glass and wait all over again for the frogs to be in the right spot.
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Piggyback ride

- **Amplexus:** Frogs' mating position, with the smaller male clasping the female from behind in a ride that can last two days or more.
- **Fertilization.** This happens outside of the female's body. Right after the eggs have been released, the male expels sperm to fertilize them.

Clickbait

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Florida International University's many galleries make their rotating exhibits — including the work of graduating MFAs — freely available to peruse in beautiful full screen. (thefrost.fiu.edu)

Creation Museum

Kentucky's contentious shrine to intelligent design is strangely fascinating, which is why we're lucky they've allowed us all to wander their halls from home. (creationmuseum.org)

Letters

RE: Snap, Send, See it Disappear, published April 9

I can't help but laugh at the stupidity of this app. If a person wants to keep an image using this software it's as easy as the click of two buttons. Screen capture apps kind of make Snapchat useless, would you not agree?
Jason Harris, Toronto

Twitter

@metropicks asked:

Former President Bill Clinton has joined Twitter. What would you like him to tweet about?

@whitestardiner: how do u remove pesky dress stains?

@theuntoldcity: I did not have twitter relations with that woman...

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After several Robinson strikeouts, 42 is still swinging for the fences

New movie. The latest Jackie Robinson movie looks at how one executive helped the famed ball player break colour barriers

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Chadwick Boseman stars as Jackie Robinson in 42, the latest tribute to the famed baseball player. HANDOUT

Each year on April 15 Major League Baseball pays tribute to Jackie Robinson.

The second baseman is remembered not only as a veteran of six World Series, the recipient of the inaugural MLB Rookie of the Year Award in 1947 and an inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame but especially as the first African American man to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era.

His accomplishments are many. He was the first black player to win the National League Most Valuable Player Award and was awarded both the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

In tribute, every April 15, the date the Brooklyn Dodgers started Robinson at first base, all uniformed personnel at 15 different ballparks wear Jackie's retired number 42.

This weekend a tribute of another kind comes to theatres. The movie 42 details the Hall of Famer's history-making breaking of the colour barrier in professional baseball. The film focuses on Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) relationship with Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, the MLB executive who facilitated the player's signing to the ball team.

The story is custom-made for the movies. Spike Lee tried unsuccessfully to get a biopic of Robinson, starring Denzel Washington, off the ground in 1995, but others have had better luck.

Robinson portrayed himself in The Jackie Robinson Story. Filmed over the winter of 1949, during the off-season from the Brooklyn Dodgers, the film earned good reviews at the time, with the New York Times saying, "Mr. Robinson displays a calm assurance and composure that might be envied by many a Hollywood star."

Despite his acclaimed performance, he never made another film.

Since then he has been the subject of a variety of projects.

A 1978 ABC after-school special called A Home Run for Love used the player — portrayed by John Lafayette — as the heart of a tale about friendship and racial tolerance.

The First was a short-lived Broadway musical starring David Alan Grier as Robinson, and both Andre Braugher and Blair Underwood have played him in television dramas.

Back on the big screen Robinson was played by Keith David in Blue in the Face, an improvised love letter to Brooklyn featuring celebrity cameos by everyone from Harvey Keitel and Lily Tomlin to Madonna and Lou Reed. In a cameo we see Robinson from behind as he talks about breaking the colour barrier in baseball.

Long story short...

The film focuses on Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) relationship with Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, the MLB executive who facilitated the player's signing to the ball team.

La Havas after a Big Enough lane for her love

New music. England's latest export is drawing big comparisons but she is showing that she owns a style that is all hers

EVE HYMAN
Metro World News

England spawns smart, lovely songbirds like Adele and Lily Allen, and its latest ingenue is Lianne La Havas.

The debut from the 23-year-old singer/songwriter — Is Your Love Big Enough? — features jazz-soul production and haunting pipes. Comparisons to Norah Jones or Lauryn Hill are to be expected.

But La Havas' style is remarkably original and uplifting.

"It's quite easy to write about your pain, but you should write about your happiness as well," she says. "It's just as strong a relationship."

Guitar lines alternate from harp-like tinkles to rhythmic slide on songs like Empty and No Room For Doubt and bassy riffs on her powerful Forget.

"It's quite an eclectic record," the singer says.

"There's an overall theme of love. The sounds are very electric guitar-led. ... When I started playing the guitar, my songwriting changed. I started exploring different ways I could write songs."

Her look is Paris boudoir meets English country road.

She is a retro vision seeped in Sade echoes and jazz guitar.

Her songwriting has a through-the-looking-glass sort of poetry that keeps the listener hooked on every syllable so as not to miss a poignant turn of phrase.

Lianne La Havas, the British singer/songwriter, is showing she has the instrumental skills to match her soulful pipes. GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

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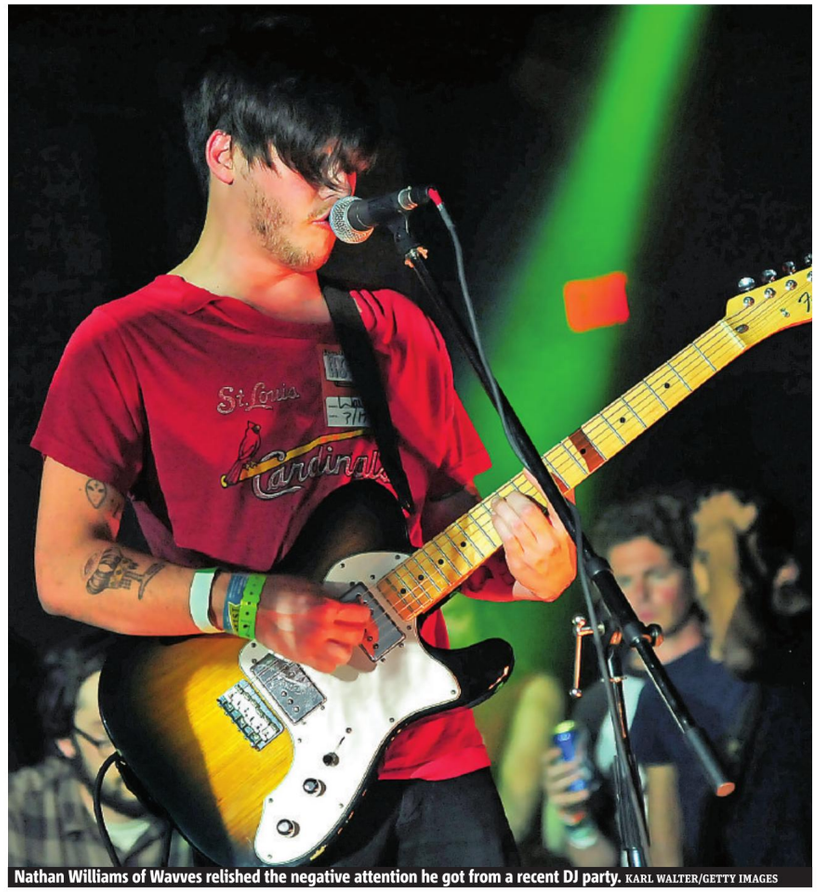
Nathan Williams of Wavves relished the negative attention he got from a recent DJ party. KARL WALTER/GETTY IMAGES

Waves after Wavves of musical mutilation

New music. Don't ask Wavves to DJ your party or to explain lyrics on their new album, just try to enjoy their snotty sound and smug punk attitude

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Every now and then you'll see a listing for a band you like, but the words DJ set will be encased in a set of parentheses after the band's name.

These two words serve as an obvious warning so you won't be disappointed if you're expecting the band to play their own hits live. But they don't properly warn you that you may also be disappointed by the band's DJ skills.

"It was literally a room-clearing set," remarks Wavves singer Nathan Williams about one such stint he did in Toronto this past weekend.

This song isn't about you

When asked if he thinks people will read into any relationship lyrics about his own public relationship with Best Coast singer Bethany Cosentino, Williams counters that there are no lyrics about relationships on the current album.

- **Quote.** "People are going to think whatever they're going to think and you can't change that," he says. "It doesn't matter anyways."

There is more than a trace of excitement in his voice as he recounts the gory details.

"People were booing us," he says. "It was actually a really good DJ set, but they didn't like it. We played Powerman 5000, Korn, Bobby McFerrin, Sugar Ray. … I think with this one in particular, they wanted us to play like Ratatat or some indie dance music, so we decided to go for an experimental set, and then we did karaoke over all of the songs."

There's always been a fun snottiness about Wavves and this prank is typical of Williams' approach.

"You've gotta keep people on your toes," he says.

When asked to open up about topical specifics of Afraid of Heights, the new Wavves album, Williams offers little insight.

"I try not to think about almost anything that I write," he says. "I prefer it to just come out and be whatever it is, almost like stream of consciousness."

If it sounds like he's coming across like a punk, he is. But that's fitting enough. And like Wavves' music, there's something affable about this smug punk delivery. When asked how his band are treating the live performance of the occasionally more sophisticated songs of Afraid of Heights, it's telling what he shares first.

"They're harder to play drunk," he says.

Bynes vs. the press: Round 2

Amanda Bynes takes issue with Page Six's story earlier this week that her erratic behaviour during a gymnastics class got her booted. "I'm suing every blog saying I was kicked out of gymnastics," Bynes posted on Twitter. "What is wrong with you people? What would you do if you found fake stories about you?" Also, to make good on her earlier request that online outlets only use photos from her Twitter account and not unflattering paparazzi shots when reporting on her, Bynes posted a slew of photos from the last few years to Twitter, noting which ones are her favourites.

Twitter

@AmandaBynes
I'm suing In Touch for writing another fake story with terrible photographs.

@bobsaget
A veggie Burger can make a delicious late night snack if there's BBQ sauce on it and there's nothing else remotely edible in the kitchen.

@prattprattpratt
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@DanaDelany
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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

A-Team sues over trademark infringement

Liam Neeson and Bradley Cooper are suing a pair of companies for allegedly using photos of the A-Team co-stars in advertisements without their permission, according to court documents procured by E! News.

Neeson and Cooper claim Vutec Corporations and First Impressions Theme Theaters are guilty of trademark infringement, negligence and violating their rights of privacy and publicity for using their images in print and online ads and in other promotional materials.

The suit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court. The actors are seeking damages and attorney fees.

Bradley Cooper and Liam Neeson

The Word

Chris Brown and Rihanna call it quits, probably

The soap opera between Chris Brown and Rihanna continues: The on-again, off-again couple with the rocky past has reportedly called it quits, according to E! News.

While Brown has been spotted in New York entertaining a mystery blond, Rihanna has been finishing up her latest international tour and spending time in L.A. between gigs, but sources say there's no new man in her life and that she's shifting her focus off her love life and onto planning future tours and launching a new fragrance line. METRO WORLD NEWS

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California, here we come...

The Hollywood sign, perched on the hills above, may guide tourists to the Sunset Strip and moviemaking studios, but there is more to the Los Angeles area than star tours and celebrity sightings. Located south of La La Land is The O.C. — Orange County.

METRO WORLD NEWS

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Sweat and sand

It's easy to see why Huntington Beach is known as Surf City USA. Wet suit-clad pedestrians — surfboards tucked under their arms — are as common a site as shopping bags and Starbucks coffee cups. A four-block radius located on the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Main Street sets the scene for this city, but there are nearly 13 kilometres of sand to play in.

Start your day with breakfast at Michelle's Sugar Shack Café (hbsugarshack.com) on Main Street, before heading to the International Surfing Museum (surfingmuseum.org). It opens according to surf time. Translation? That's 11 a.m. or noon, unless wave conditions are too good to ignore. If it's closed you can still check out the names of those honoured along the Surfing Walk of Fame at Main and the PCH, including musician Dick Dale for adding to board culture.

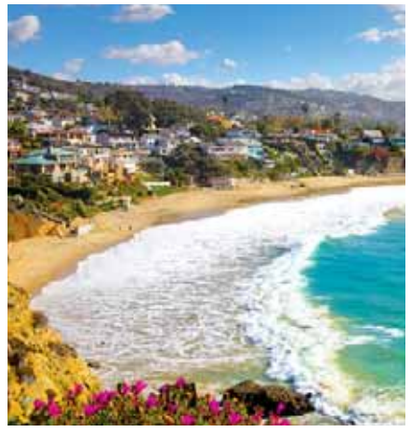
Spend your afternoon playing beach volleyball or catching waves along the beach. Stroll along the historic Huntington Beach pier that juts into the Pacific. At its end is Ruby's Diner, a 1950s-inspired local restaurant chain. Before nightfall, stake out one of the fire pits located on the beach for an evening spent sitting on the sand and listening to the surf break on the shore (huntingtonbeachca.gov).

Shop and sip

Located south of Huntington along the PCH are Newport Beach and artsy Laguna Beach. While Fashion Island (shopfashionisland.com) is home to big brand stores, Laguna's downtown features a number of smaller shops, showcasing local artists and handcrafted goods, all set against a backdrop of green hills (lagunabeachinfo.com).

No afternoon is complete without sipping a cool cocktail at The Cliff (thecliffrestaurant.com). Offering a 180-degree view of the ocean, you can sit on the patio and watch sunning locals on the beach metres below, or scan the big blue for passing whales. You can also grab a cool authentic treat at Gelato Paradiso (gelatoparadiso.net) in Peppertree Lane and take a stroll in Heisler Park located high on the bluffs above the Pacific.

The popular Las Brisas (lasbrisaslagunabeach.com), with its beckoning margaritas menu, offers a fusion of Californian and traditional Mexican cuisine, with fresh seafood offered each day. The building the restaurant is located in started life as the Victor Hugo Inn in the 1930s, before being converted in the late 1970s.



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Sea and sanctuary

Located at the southern end of the O.C., Dana Point is a nature-lovers paradise. With a number of migration routes passing by, whale watching is on order. Dana Wharf (danawharf.com) has a fleet of 12 vessels that often encounter sea lions, blue and grey whales and even the occasional mega-pod of a few thousand dolphins swimming in unison and playing in the wake of the boats.

Exhausted after a day at sea? Pamper yourself at The Ritz Carlton, Laguna Niguel (ritzcarlton.com/lagunaniguel). The hotel is located 150-feet above Salt Creek Beach and offers stunning coastal views. You can take them in while sipping wine on the 180blü patio — a perfect sunset spot — or enjoying a well-deserved yummy meal at Raya, with its Latin-inspired menu of sustainable seafood, local produce and organic meat created by Chef Richard Sandoval. Spend an afternoon walking through the grounds of the hotel, and feeding the rabbits that hop around the property. Use the Ritz's beach butler service to be carted down in a buggy from the resort to the beach below. They will set up chairs and umbrellas, provide recreational equipment, and even build you a sandcastle to enjoy.

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Cruising. A Mediterranean adventure has never been more affordable as firms slash prices to attract more visitors

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Experience all the glitz and glamour of the Mediterranean Riviera without paying celebrity-high prices by taking a cruise. You'll be able to marvel at the million dollar yachts in Saint Tropez, peer over the cliffs of the Amalfi coast, enjoy wine tasting in Tuscany and wander the poignant streets of Pompeii.

Cruise lines have dropped their Mediterranean prices to about $100 per day to attract more travellers this spring. When you consider that this covers your accommodation, meals and transportation to each fabulous port, it's great value. Here's a sample of what you'll see on land:

Saint Tropez along the French Riviera was once a sleepy fishing village that attracted the literary set from Paris in the 1950s. But when Bridget Bardot made it her favourite hideout in 1956, celebrities followed. Today, Hollywood stars ranging from Jack Nicholson to Jay-Z are regulars.

Despite their millions, you don't need a dime to enjoy walking along the waterfront and gawking at the mega-yachts and Maseratis. People-watch and window-shop at the quaint cafés, boutiques, galleries and antique shops. Stroll over to the Place des Lices and play petanque, a game similar to bocce, with the locals.

Take a bus ride along the Amalfi coast by a driver who knows how to navigate hairpin turns and avoid drop-off cliffs. With its spectacular vistas, this route is rated as one of the top 10 drives in the world and will leave you breathless at every bend.

Arrive in the cliff-top town of Sorrento, a popular resort due to its charming atmosphere. Visit a local farmhouse nestled in the hills and if you don't pack a picnic from the ship, enjoy an inexpensive lunch of fresh cheese, juicy tomatoes and salami in a peaceful setting of lemon and olive trees.

Head to Pompeii by train or bus to explore its excavations, temples and museum. The many frescoes depict daily life — although the ones in the brothel should probably be X-rated. Admission to the site and museum is about $15.

Travel through the Tuscan countryside to Livorno and admire the medieval architecture. At a family vineyard enjoy a wine-tasting tour.

From the port of Genoa, travel to Manarolo, gateway to Cinque Terre, an UNESCO site of five fishing villages that have been untouched by modern times. Walk along the Street of Love, a picturesque path along the seaside where graffiti features romantic poetry.

Board a ferry to Vernazza, explore the tiny shops and enjoy a creamy gelato. Admire the colourful fishing boats and watch children playing on the beach.

A visit to the Mediterranean Riviera is not complete without a stop in Rome, even though it's a 90-minute bus ride from the port of Citavecchia. The Colosseum is just one of the many magnificent monuments in the Eternal City where gladiators battled in front of 50,000 spectators.

End the day with a walk to the Trevi Fountain. Follow tradition and toss a coin into the water to ensure you will return to this unforgettable region. You only need a penny.

Mediterranean magic

Carnival is launching more Mediterranean cruises this year than ever before. Their newly renovated ship, the 2,600-passenger Sunshine, will offer 18 Mediterranean cruises from Barcelona and Venice starting this spring. Carnival has spent $155 million on its renovations and you can enjoy it for $100 a day. Visit carnival.com.

Take time to enjoy a stroll along a Mediterranean beach. DIANE TIERNEY/METRO

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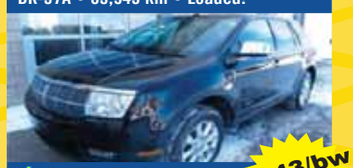

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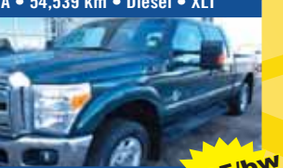

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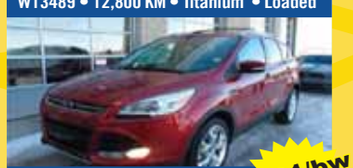

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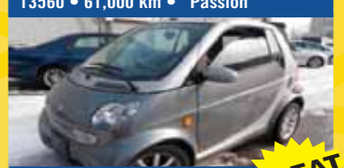

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Travel tips

Metro's guide to travel guide books

ON THE MOVE
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Nothing beats a good guidebook. Despite the incredible amount of information available online, there is something comforting about not having to rely on the world of Internet connectivity and power outlets when you are travelling. Here are a few titles worth packing:

Originally written for backpackers and bohemians, Lonely Planet now offers suggested itineraries for more up-scale travellers with their Discover series books. Think boutique hotels and bed and breakfasts versus hostels. The If You Like tips suggest lesser known alternatives to major sites. In the Netherlands for example, if you like the Rijksmuseum, they suggest adding the Groninger Museum or Kroller-Muller Museum to your plans.

The Rough Guides are great for travellers wanting to reduce their carbon footprint. They make a point of offering green alternatives to everything from accommodations to local tour operators. The destination listings offer a good variety of bars, restaurants and attractions.

Where to Go When, by Eyewitness Travel Guides, is for people who are planning their holiday based on when they are able to travel versus having a specific destination in mind. Think teachers on March Break or newlyweds looking for the best honeymoon destination. There are more than 300 seasonal recommendations for destinations that are at their best during different months of the year.

Time Out books offer top 10 lists for culture vultures who want to get beyond the best known highlights. Using a list of recommendations to plan your days is an especially great way of giving a short trip some focus.

My cousin and his young family have been to Disney World three times and live by Beth Haworth's The Insider's Ultimate Guide to Disney. If offers tips to beat the crowds, save money and make the most out of your theme park experience. Apparently Sunday is the worst day to go to Magic Kingdom and Monday is the best. You will have to pick up a copy to find out why!

The Magic Kingdom. LOIMERE/FLICKR

Water puts damper on our naval past

Halifax. A reminder of Canada's role in WWII is threatened by the passage of time

Floating on the Halifax harbour is a living naval time capsule — a window into one of Canada's great contributions to the Allied cause during the Second World War.

HMCS Sackville is Canada's last corvette and now serves as a floating museum in the harbour's salt-kissed air, generations removed from when it protected merchant ships from German submarines in the North Atlantic. During the summer, the 71-year-old flower-class corvette is berthed at Sackville Landing, where anywhere from 6,000 to 10,000 people stop by to tour the ship, now preserved by the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust.

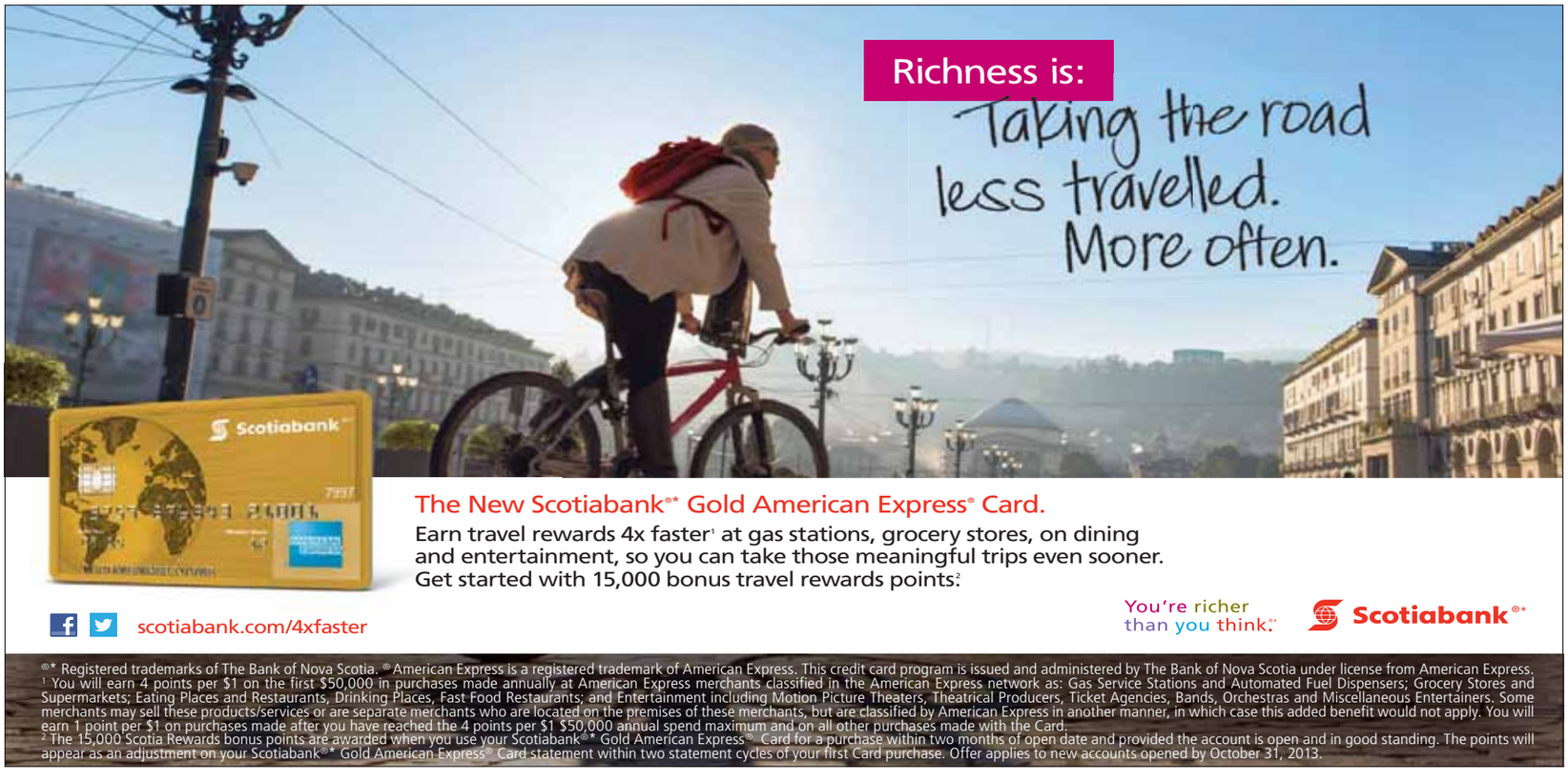
Sackville has even hosted royalty, as Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh visited the ship during the International Fleet Review in Halifax in June 2010.

Inside the HMCS Sackville visitors are given a glimpse of sailor life.

The corvettes made their reputation shepherding vulnerable merchant ships carrying food and vital supplies to Great Britain through waters infested with German U-boats. Winning the Battle of the Atlantic was vital to the Allies' victory in the Second World War.

Visitors who come aboard Sackville catch a glimpse into those tumultuous times. Several mannequins are propped up at a picnic table to showcase the life of a Canadian sailor.

The ship became Canada's naval memorial in 1985. It's freshwater that is threatening Sackville's preservation and has sparked a multimillion dollar effort to build a permanent structure around the ship. "The real danger is from freshwater — from inside humidity, from rain water that seeps in," says George Borgal. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Tuna Niçoise grows up on the grill

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There's nothing tastier than a Niçoise salad made with freshly seared tuna. The trick to properly searing tuna is to cook it on high heat for the time specified — and no more.

If you're not going to eat immediately, place it in the refrigerator to stop the cooking process, otherwise the tuna will be overcooked.

1. Boil the potatoes until tender, approximately 15 minutes. Drain, cool and dice. Place in a serving bowl. Add the steamed beans, cucumber, tomatoes, onion, olives and dill.

2. To make the dressing, stir the olive oil, lemon juice, anchovies, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper together until well mixed. Pour over the potato mixture. Place three-quarters of the potato mixture on a serving platter, leaving the remainder for garnish.

3. Heat a non-stick grill pan or barbecue to high and grill the tuna for approximately 1 1/2 minutes per side for seared, or until done to your preference, but do not overcook. Place the tuna, either whole or sliced, over the potato mixture and scatter the reserved mixture overtop or along the side.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 2 small red potatoes
- 1 cup green beans, trimmed, steamed, rinsed with cold water and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 1/4 cup sliced black olives
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 anchovies, minced
- 1 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch salt and black pepper
- 1 lb raw tuna

Grilled Tuna Niçoise

This recipe serves four and each serving contains 353 calories and 10 g fat. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Spring Lemonade

Celebrate the warmer season with this zesty crowd-pleaser.

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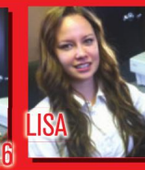

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You want to make an impact, but you also have school debt, rent and car insurance to pay for, among other expenses. Your parents want you to find a stable job, one that comes with vacation pay and benefits.

The job market is competitive and your priorities seem to be competing with one another as well. When applying for your next job, it doesn't have to be an either/or decision. The application process, when seeking employment, expects students and recent graduates to choose between the for-profit and not-for-profit sector. When applying for jobs, you have to consider your commitments, financial goals and also what your personal goals are.

A trying trinity

"When applying for jobs, you have to consider your commitments, financial goals and also what your personal goals are."
Rumeet Billan

How do you balance all three and find a career path that fits who you are as opposed to trying to fit into a pre-existing box that may come at the expense of what you want to achieve?

Traditionally, Canadians have ranked corporations as high in profit potential and low on the social impact scale. Although more organizations are incorporating social responsibility within their mandates, the bottom line is still profit.

Not-for-profit organizations rank high on their social impact and relatively low in profit potential, often dependent on grants, donors and volunteers. The line-up for a promotion at an established not-for-profit is long and also requires years of experience.

Torn between priorities? As companies become more interested in making positive changes to the world, you may not have to make the choice. ISTOCK

There are assumptions that students and new grads often make about both sectors, and — whether right or wrong — this influences where you consider applying and also the direction of your career path. Some find their way, and some are left feeling jaded and stuck.

In both sectors, how many people do you know who are not satisfied with what they are doing, but also suggest that they don't have the flexibility to move out of their current role? I can name a few.

If you can't find your place within the two sectors, what you can do is begin thinking beyond the traditional notions of for-profit and not-for-profit and consider the emergence of social enterprises.

The rise of a third sector, the social sector, merges the traditional concepts and has left social entrepreneurs with a desire to not only make a profit, but also incorporate a social mission within their business models. Incubators, conferences and showcases are popping up and may help to spark an idea, or introduce you to a new network of organizations that are working towards both profit and social impact.

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From capture the flag to a rewarding career

Summer of the CV. Working as a camp counsellor a tremendous lesson for future teachers

LEAH RUEHLICKE
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For those in the education stream, it's no secret that this is a tough job market to break into — it can take years to find full-time employment.

Gaining experience in your field early on is an excellent way to narrow down what you actually want to do and become more marketable to employers.

Student Heather Galloway decided to advance her career while simultaneously saving up rent money in her search for summer jobs. A teacher's college student at Nipissing University, Galloway got a summer job a few years ago as a camp counsellor at the YMCA. The following year she returned as an inclusion counsellor, working with kids who have developmental issues. Both of these positions taught her the importance of being able to think on your feet and adapt to changing situations — a vital lesson for every aspiring teacher! Working two summers in a camp setting helped her get another job last summer: site supervisor for the JK/SK before and after school program at an elementary school.

"I'm learning more about different age groups, because my teaching degree focused on Grades 4 to 10," Heather said. "It's been great opening myself up to new experiences and grade levels."

She says she initially searched for camp jobs to beef up her resumé, but she "continued to work for them because it is just so much more fun than sitting in an office all summer."

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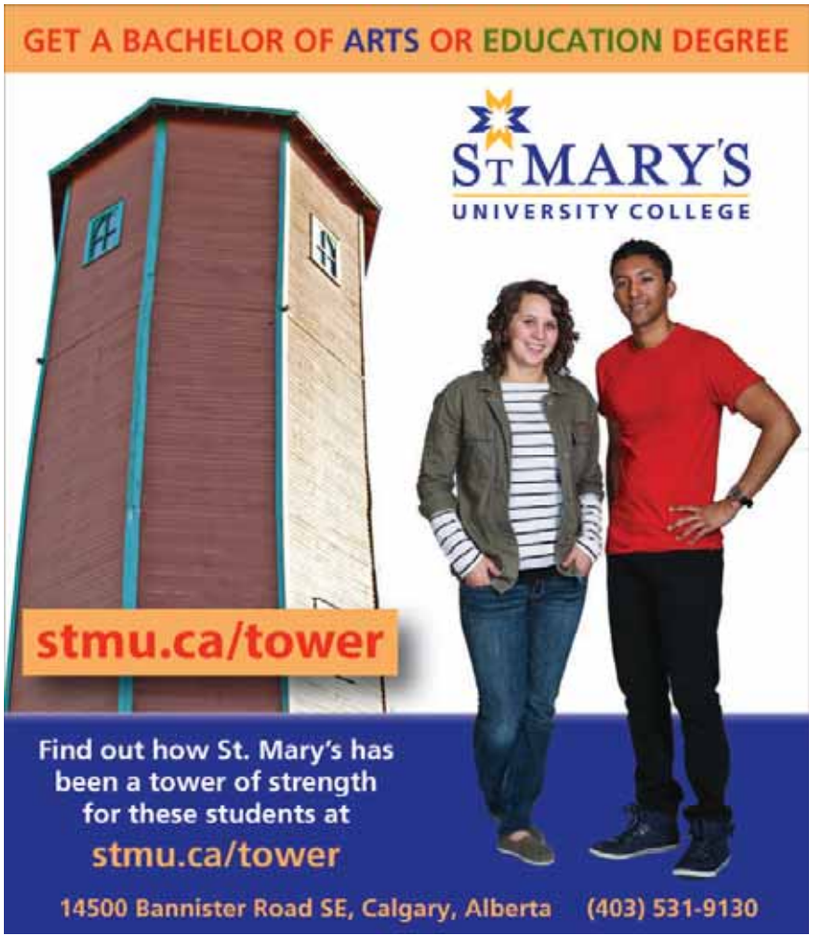
Teaching tools

While immersed in the concurrent education program at Wilfrid Laurier University, Clark Rumble applied for a summer job as a camp counsellor at a camp for youth with developmental issues, which he later returned for two additional summers.

- "They all have different developmental delays, which means they all have to be approached in a different way," Rumble said. "It allowed me to work with individuals who learn in different ways than I had ever been exposed to previously."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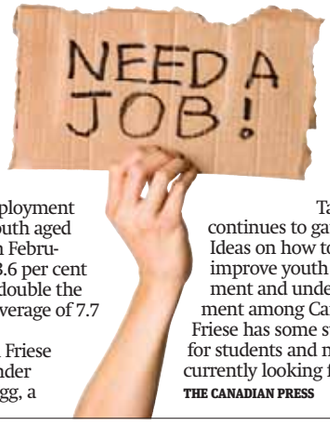
The great summer search starts now

From extra money to experience, securing summer work can offer plenty of potential rewards for youth — it's landing the job that can be challenging.

As post-secondary students and new graduates embark on the job hunt, they're vying for hotly contested positions in a particularly tough job climate for the country's youth.

According to Statistics Canada, the unemployment rate for youth aged 15 to 24 in February was 13.6 per cent — nearly double the national average of 7.7 per cent.

Lauren Friese is the founder of TalentEgg, a Canadian job site and career resource for students and recent grads. The site recently launched Bright Ideas, an online initiative aimed at crowd-sourcing solutions to improve Canada's youth employment. Friese said some of the top ideas so far centre on helping high school students make better decisions about what they study and also teaching youth about the need to have marketable skills.



As TalentEgg continues to gather Bright Ideas on how to help improve youth unemployment and underemployment among Canadians, Friese has some suggestions for students and new grads currently looking for work.

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Seek help

Friese says one of the most underused resources students have at their disposal are their on-campus career centres where services such as resumé writing workshops and interview coaching are offered for free.

"That's the kind of service that once you've graduated, if you decide to go and work with a professional, (it) costs a lot of money," she says, adding that most schools will even allow alumni to make use of their career services.

"That one-on-one attention ... (having a) professional looking over your resumé and telling you what to change — that's something that you shouldn't take for granted."

Tap into digital tools

Friese says digital tools can help job-seekers not only in distinguishing themselves but to help broadcast their message to a broader audience. Not only can individuals send a link to a digital portfolio to a prospective employer, they could also use online tools as a possible platform to highlight their areas of interest, from writing an article about environmental consulting or a blog post on the latest IPO, she noted.

"Showing that demonstrated interest and keen desire to work in the industry is the most important thing in getting through the resumé, interview and screening process."

Know the employer

Friese says it's important for applicants to show a demonstrated interest in the industry and job they're applying to, as well as the company.

"It's not even about being flattering; it's about showing that you've done the research and you know what the opportunity is and why you would be good at it."

Friese says a key way for job-seekers to distinguish their applications is to ensure they're taking the time to modify and tailor their submission for each company.

"It's a job. It's someone paying you real money so you should have to work for it. And so that's the very, very basic step is to customize it."

Hunt outside of the lines

Friese says many of the structured programs which offer summer jobs and entry-level positions are already full. But those still seeking work with bigger companies may still be able to find positions which are being posted, she noted.

Students should start looking toward small and medium-sized companies and should consider roles outside of the specific area they'd like to pursue in the long term, Friese says.

"It's all about building up an experience and a track record in the workplace ... in a way that helps you understand what it is you're really good at, what you're bad at, what you like to do, and what you really don't like to do."

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NHL

Ailing Pens clinch Atlantic in Carolina

Beau Bennett and Evgeni Malkin scored 13 seconds apart in the third period and the Pittsburgh Penguins clinched the Atlantic Division title by beating the free-falling Carolina Hurricanes 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Brenden Morrow scored his first goal with the Penguins, Robert Bortuzzo added a goal, and Pascal Dupuis had an empty-netter and two assists.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves for the Penguins, who were without captain Sidney Crosby, James Neal and Kris Letang.

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Penguins goalie Mark-Andre Fleury makes a save on Tuesday in Raleigh, N.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jeter progressing on comeback trail

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter ran on a field for the first time in several weeks, his biggest steps yet in his comeback from injury.

Manager Joe Girardi said Jeter did some sprints, took grounders and hit indoors at the team's training complex in Tampa, Fla.

Jeter hasn't played since March 23, when his left ankle bothered him while running. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brianna Decker of Team USA shoots the puck past Shannon Szabados of Team Canada during the IIHF women's world championship gold-medal game on Tuesday night at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

Kessel helps reclaim gold for Americans

Women's world championship. Sister of Leafs sniper caps off U.S. victory in Ottawa

The United States applied the harsh lesson learned on home ice at the 2012 women's world hockey championship to Canada this time around.

The Americans thumped the Canadians 9-2 to open last year's tournament, only to suffer a 5-4 overtime loss in the final to their bitter rivals in Burlington, Vt.

The tables turned in Ottawa this year, with the U.S. losing to Canada in a shootout to open the tournament, before rebounding to win Tuesday's gold-medal game 3-2.

"Really, what matters is how to you finish the tournament," said American forward Amanda Kessel, who scored the game-winning goal. "I think we played our best game tonight."

The younger sister of Toronto Maple Leafs forward Phil Kessel pushed the U.S. ahead at 3:09 of the third period, roofing a shot on a 2-on-1 for one of two American goals scored off odd-man rushes.

That now makes for a pair of Kessels who are unpopular in Ottawa, and Amanda was unrepentant.

"It feels great," she said. "It couldn't feel any better."

The U.S. limited Canada to 16 shots on goaltender Jessie Vetter and fired 30 on Canada's Shannon Szabados, whose effort kept the host country in the game.

"If you look at the quality of chances they had compared to ours, they deserved to win," Canadian assistant captain Caroline Ouellette said. "With 16 shots on net, it's hard to win a hockey game.

The Americans have won four of the last five world women's titles and five of the last seven. Brianna Decker and Megan Bozek also scored for the U.S., which trailed 1-0 after the first period.

Courtney Birchard and Ouellette replied for Canada in front of 13,776 at Scotiabank Place in Ottawa.

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Gold-medal game

U.S.	Canada
3	2

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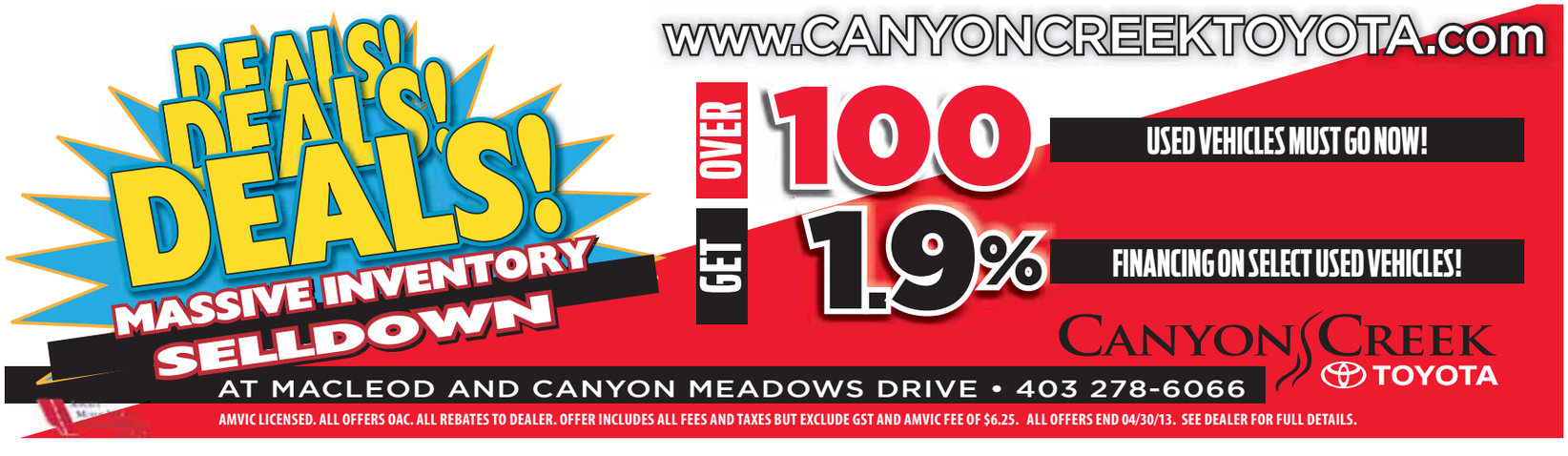
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Although still under contract for next season, speculation continues to mount that Calgary goalie Miikka Kiprusoff will retire. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Flames have no need to win one for the Kipper

THE HOCKEY NEWS
Brian Costello
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I love the way the Flames have called up players from Abbotsford down the stretch to aid their development for next year.

The more games Sven Baertschi gets in now, the easier his acclimatization. Max Reinhart may not evolve into a scorer, but he has a high hockey IQ. I'd take this a step further and recall goalie Danny Taylor from the AHL — for a few good reasons.

First, I don't think the Flames owe it to Miikka Kiprusoff to play him as they normally would.

True, he was a rock for almost a decade, but he was also well compensated — about $42 million from Calgary in parts of nine seasons. Even though Kipper no longer had a no-trade clause, the Flames honoured his wish not to be traded (Toronto offered a second-round pick.)

Second, Kiprusoff is under contract for next season, but hasn't committed to suiting up for just $1.5 million.

There's speculation he will retire.

That's fine, Kipper, just don't expect the organization to treat you like royalty.

The way the NHL standings sit, the Flames will get a top-three pick in the deep 2013 draft.

As much as he has struggled, Kiprusoff has the track record to get hot and roll off four of five victories in the final 10 games, which could drop Calgary's draft spot to No. 6 or 7.

In assessing the talent in the first round, three players — Seth Jones, Jonathan Drouin and Nathan MacKinnon — are a cut above the next group. Most scouts agree there's another drop off in talent after the No. 6 spot.

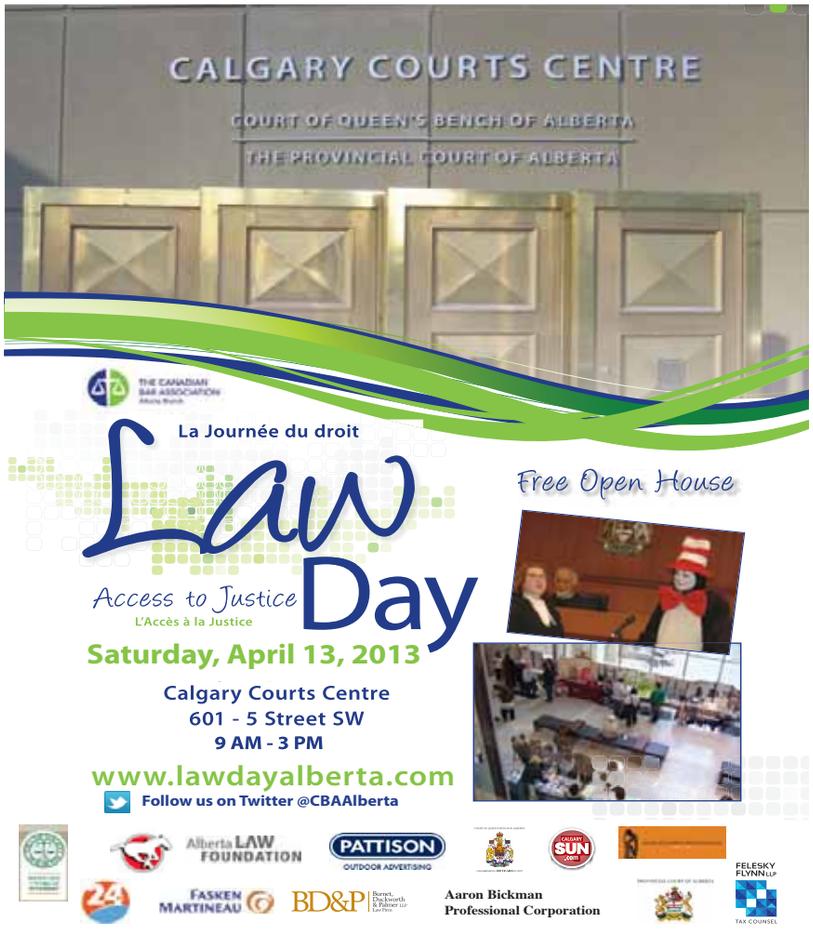
So the difference between a top-three pick and a top six is big. The difference between a top-three pick and a top eight is huge.

The third reason for icing Kiprusoff touches upon the second — the team doesn't know his plans next season and it should be auditioning Joey MacDonald and Taylor for the backup job to Karri Ramo. Give Taylor and Joey Mac five games each.

Taylor is just 26 and has had three good seasons in the AHL. Let's see what he can do.

Chances are he and MacDonald won't stand on their heads and euchre the Flames out of a top-three pick.

It's not tanking games, it's a fact-finding mission, but it has side benefits for the draft. As for Kipper, the team no longer owes him anything but cash.



NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	61	16	.792	—
y-New York	51	26	.662	10
y-Indiana	49	29	.628	12½
x-Brooklyn	45	32	.584	16
x-Chicago	42	35	.545	19
x-Atlanta	42	36	.538	19½
x-Boston	40	37	.519	21
x-Milwaukee	37	40	.481	24
Philadelphia	31	46	.403	30
Toronto	30	48	.385	31½
Washington	29	49	.372	32½
Detroit	26	52	.333	35½
Cleveland	24	53	.312	37
Orlando	19	59	.244	42½
Charlotte	18	60	.231	43½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	57	20	.740	—
x-Oklahoma City	57	21	.731	½
x-Denver	53	24	.688	4
y-L.A. Clippers	51	26	.662	6
x-Memphis	53	25	.679	4½
Golden State	44	33	.571	13
Houston	44	34	.564	13½
Utah	41	38	.519	17
L.A. Lakers	40	37	.519	17
Dallas	38	39	.494	19
Portland	33	44	.429	24
Minnesota	29	47	.382	27½
New Orleans	27	50	.351	30
Sacramento	27	50	.351	30
Phoenix	23	55	.295	34½

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results
Indiana 99 Cleveland 94
New York 120 Washington 99
Miami 94 Milwaukee 83
Brooklyn 104 Philadelphia 83
Memphis 94 Charlotte 75
Toronto 101 Chicago 98
Houston 101 Phoenix 98
Oklahoma City 90 Utah 80
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers
Minnesota at Golden State

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Boston, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Pittsburgh	40	30	10	0	0	132	98	60
d-Montreal	39	25	9	3	2	122	94	55
d-Washington	40	21	17	2	0	120	112	44
Boston	38	25	9	2	2	108	81	54
Toronto	39	22	13	0	4	121	109	48
Ottawa	39	19	14	2	4	96	88	44
NY Islanders	40	20	16	3	1	117	120	44
NY Rangers	39	19	16	0	4	96	94	42
Winnipeg	41	20	19	0	2	102	121	42
New Jersey	39	15	14	3	7	92	106	40
Buffalo	40	16	18	2	4	106	122	38
Philadelphia	39	17	19	1	2	107	122	37
Tampa Bay	39	17	20	0	2	124	116	36
Carolina	39	16	21	1	1	102	126	34
Florida	39	13	20	5	1	96	132	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Chicago	39	30	5	0	4	129	83	64
d-Anaheim	40	27	8	2	3	123	99	59
d-Vancouver	39	22	11	1	5	105	95	50
Los Angeles	40	22	14	1	3	115	101	48
San Jose	39	20	12	3	4	98	98	47
St. Louis	38	22	14	1	1	107	98	46
Minnesota	39	22	15	1	1	103	98	46
Detroit	39	19	15	3	2	99	101	43
Dallas	39	19	17	2	1	109	118	41
Columbus	40	17	16	3	4	95	104	41
Phoenix	39	17	16	2	4	105	106	40
Edmonton	39	16	16	4	3	101	108	39
Nashville	41	15	18	2	6	96	110	38
Calgary	38	14	20	1	3	102	134	32

d - division leader; x - clinched playoff berth.

Tuesday's results
Pittsburgh 5 Carolina 3
Columbus 4 San Jose 0
NY Islanders 4 Philadelphia 1
Washington 3 Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 3 Ottawa 2
Winnipeg 4 Buffalo 1
Chicago 1 Minnesota 0
St. Louis 1 Nashville 0
Dallas 5 Los Angeles 1

Monday's late results
Anaheim 2 Edmonton 1
Calgary 3 Colorado 1
Vancouver 2 Phoenix 0

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	2	.714	—
New York	4	4	.500	1½
Baltimore	3	4	.429	2
Tampa Bay	3	5	.375	2½
Toronto	2	5	.286	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	5	3	.625	—
Chicago	4	3	.571	½
Detroit	4	3	.571	½
Minnesota	4	4	.500	1
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	6	2	.750	—
Oakland	5	2	.714	½
Seattle	4	4	.500	2
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	3
Houston	1	6	.143	4½

Tuesday's results
Detroit 7 Toronto 3
N.Y. Yankees 14 Cleveland 1
Texas 6 Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 7 Minnesota 4
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Houston at Seattle

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto (Buehrle 0-0) at Detroit (Porcello 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Moore 1-0) at Texas (Holland 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 0-1) at Cleveland (Myers 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 0-0) at Boston (Dempster 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-0) at Kansas City (Davis 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Blanton 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 0-1) at Seattle (Beavan 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results
San Diego 9 L.A. Dodgers 3
Washington 8 Chicago White Sox 7
Philadelphia 8 N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 3 Miami 2
Chicago Cubs 6 Milwaukee 3
St. Louis 5 Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh at Arizona
Colorado at San Francisco

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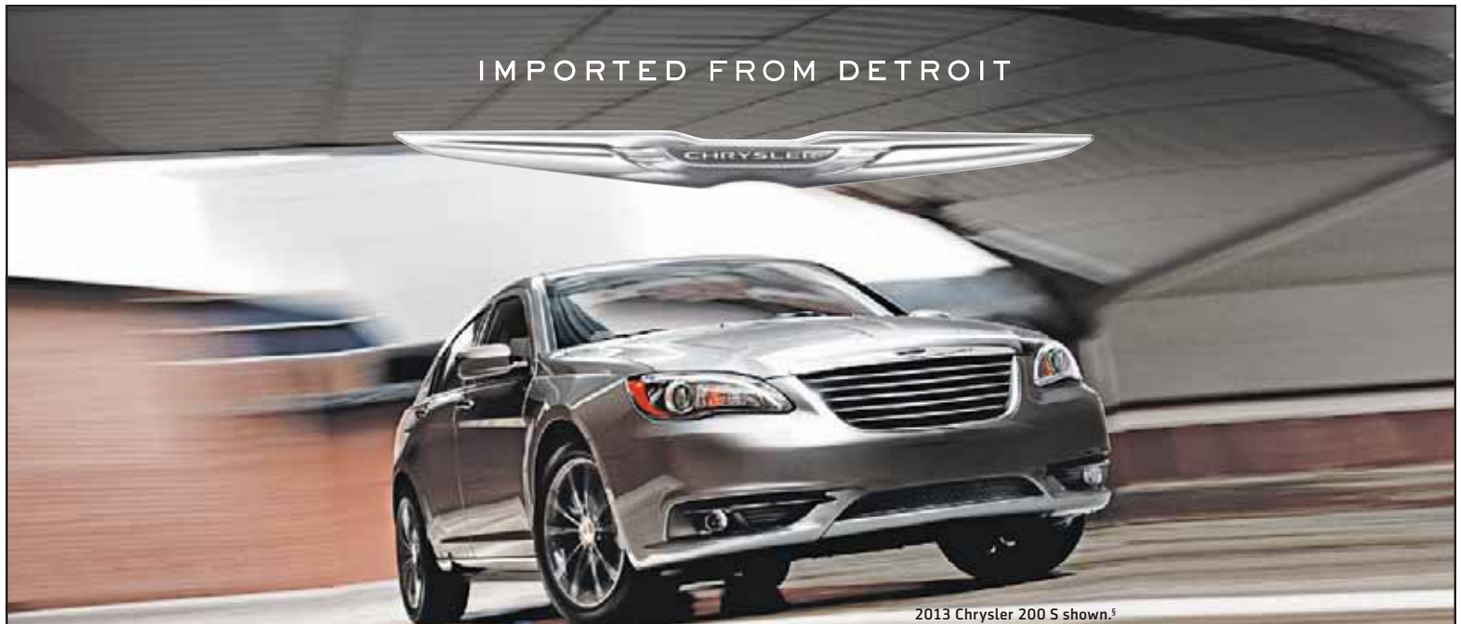

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2014 Chevrolet Impala

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive full-size sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (195); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (182); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (305)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price.** $30,000

Design

The new Impala is similar in size to the outgoing version, but embodies Chevrolet's latest design "language." There's more to admire inside with an impressive-looking gauge layout and control panel. The smaller fuel and temperature readouts are flanked by a clearly legible rev counter and speedometer.

Yes, GM is making some great-looking interiors these days.

Noise cancellation

The Impala features some serious cabin noise abatement, including active noise cancellation for four-cylinder Impalas. The system uses hidden microphones and a special control module to create opposing sound waves sent through the car's speakers that cancel out low-engine-speed droning.

Luxury experience

The mid-grade LT significantly ups content levels. The LTZ will provide a full-on luxury experience with leather seats, power sunroof, navigation and other goodies. Impala buyers will also be offered a plethora of electronic safety systems designed to keep the car and its occupants out of harm's way.

Review. If going smaller is all about saving gas, then maybe you don't have to go smaller

It has been years in the making, but General Motors finally pushed the reset button on one of its most endearing brands. But will car shoppers warm to the Impala, or is all the attention on smaller mid-sized cars?

When it debuted in 1958, the Impala became synonymous with affordable luxury that conferred a measure of success and social status upon its owners.

As the dinosaurs disappeared and the Ice Age receded, the Impala's role became less clearly defined, other than becoming the quintessential fleet-mobile. But the all-new Impala that's due to arrive this spring will have new purpose.

Chevrolet's enhanced flagship now shares the same platform with Cadillac's top-positioned XTS, but its appearance is far more broad-shouldered and defined than the Caddy. The grille makes a dramatic statement, with delicate horizontal bars extending across the upper and lower air intakes.

There's a stop/start system that kills the engine when the vehicle is stationary and then re-fires it when the brake is released. Regenerative braking creates electricity while slowing down, which helps recharge the batteries.

eAssist, which is offered in other GM sedans, should give the Impala a fuel-consumption rating of about 8.4 l/100 km in the city and 5.5 on the highway, compared to a 9.5/5.9 estimate for the base 2.5.

Honestly, for Chevrolet, keeping the Impala in stock could prove challenging. GM's sculptors have fashioned an enticingly spacious family sedan, while the technical types have succeeded in reigning in fuel consumption. It's a far cry from 1958, but the idea of a big, comfortable road car really gets back to Impala's roots, without the thirst for fuel.

The diving body line in front of the rear tires is questionable, but at least it's distinctive. Nice touches include the trapezoidal exhaust finishers, big wheels and chrome bits. Of course, this is the top-of-the-line LTZ trim.

With an automatic transmission, there's little need for a tachometer this large, but it sure looks great with the silver eyebrow.

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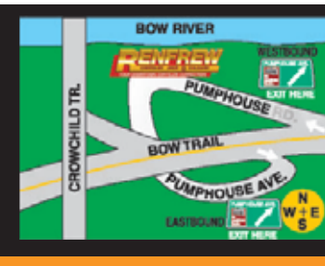

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Haven't changed your brake fluid lately? Here's why you should do it right now

Auto Know. Test results revealed some surprising finds about stopping distances

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When it comes to braking, stopping and slowing down, reaction time is a major issue, which is why it's important to not be distracted behind the wheel. Texting, cellphone use and fiddling with dash controls seem to be the focus these days, and rightly so.

But what about the brakes? Brakes are brakes, right?

Wheelbase Media, in conjunction with online tire/wheel store The Tire Rack and Italy-based Brembo Brakes, embarked on a set of tests (stopping distance from 96 km/h to zero) that went everywhere but where you might think.

Although these two pads look similar, the pad on the right is double the price of the one on the left and also cut stopping distance in testing by about 25 per cent. ALL PHOTOS JEFF MELNYCHUK/WHEELBASE MEDIA

The idea was to find out how much longer stopping distances would be by adding larger, heavier wheels and tires to the test vehicle, which was a 2000 Ford Lightning SVT pickup truck — and how much of that lost stopping distance we could recover with larger Brembo brakes.

Seems simple enough, right? Well, there were several key findings outside of this testing that we believe you need to know because spreading the word could save lives.

We installed a new Brembo brake package on the front of our Ford pickup. The huge eight-piston front calipers each use four small brake pads, while the giant 15-inch rotors have about double the swept area of the stock rotors.

Testing was to show increased stopping distance when larger wheels and tires were installed, and then the reduction in stopping distance when high-performance brakes were added. Just as interesting were blips in the testing that led to more tests regarding brake-fluid and pad performance.

At the beginning of testing, we established a baseline stopping distance through repeated back-to-back stops until the distance became noticeably longer due to heat saturation of the brake parts.

The baseline testing began with a few stops in the 38- to 39-metre range. Once the brakes became heated, however, the distance dramatically increased to about 54 metres. This was after about eight back-to-back tests. The interval between stops was about 35 to 60 seconds.

Once the brake fluid was changed, we were shocked to discover that although the initial braking distance was just slightly better than the baseline, even after 15 hard stops from 96 km/h, the braking distance had only climbed to about 45 metres. Where the baseline after eight stops was 54 metres, with the new fluid the truck was hauling itself down in 43 metres.

Wow. What we thought was merely the rotors and brake pads becoming overwhelmed with heat turned out to be the old brake fluid, which had lost its performance over time. The moral? Changing brake fluid keeps your brakes operating in a more consistent and predictable manner. For $15 in fluid plus labour, it's worth it.

We relayed the information to three shops which all said the same thing: they knew there was a difference, but had no idea how big a difference changing the fluid could make.

Brembo engineers also found the data to be an eye opener. The company deals with high-performance and racing applications where every foot of stopping distance counts.

No. 2 on our "wow" list turned out to be the brake pads themselves.

Once again, everything was rolling along to plan except that during the latter part of testing, the front factory pads gave out. Calling Ford turned up two things: the replacement pads were expensive and they were at least two days away. With bad weather looming and testing time booked, we wanted to be back on asphalt sooner than later.

Instead, the shop charged with the changeover work located a set of pads that were not only substantially cheaper ($100 cheaper, actually) but were basically right there on the shelf.

The next day, we were back in business and testing. After some hard city driving to break in the new pads, we noticed heavy smoke after the first test stop from 96 km/h and braking distances that were up a whopping 15 metres from the baseline. A few more stops saw a bit of improvement down into the 49-metre range with billowing smoke.

Rather than risking the vehicle and our lives, we contacted the shop, which informed us that the pads were mid-grade quality and not the top-of-the-line pad, which just happened to be the same price as the factory Ford pads.

We called Raybestos, the makers of the pad, and discussed the differences in material and price. Most surprising was that there actually is a difference in pad material and characteristics. While this is not foreign when it comes to racing applications, it was a surprise to us for a basic truck application.

In short order, we were back on track with the top-notch pads and braking distances quickly fell back to 37 to 39 metres. The results had us wondering why anyone would skimp on brake pads — but even we skimped, thinking that brake pads are brake pads no matter how much they are and who makes them. Not so.

"What gets me is when someone comes in and says they don't want to spend much because it's just for the wife and kids," said a Raybestos rep.

That might be the case, but even the shop manager that sold us our mid-grade pads was unsure of the tangible difference, other than cost. But how could they really know without some hard data and real results to pass on to their customers? Clearly, there's some information that's being missed.

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2007 to 2012
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Nissan's entry into the compact sedan market was called the Sentra — and a new model has hit dealer lots for the 2013 model year. The last-generation model, which was available from 2007 to 2012, has, thus, transitioned fully into used-car territory.

All models were four-cylinder, front-drive units, with feature content that including heated mirrors, Bluetooth systems, leather seating and power sunroofs.

Sentra 2.0 was the base model, while the 2.0S and 2.0SL amounted to mid- and top-range models. Sporty, up-powered SE-R and SE-R Spec V models were available as well.

Common Issues

Check your used Sentra candidate for any "check engine" lights or stored "trouble codes" with the help of a mechanic and a computer scan. Pay close attention to any codes and associated sluggish-performance issues that could indicate a plugged catalytic converter or damaged pre-catalyst. Other signs of trouble may include terrible smelling exhaust and burning oil. On that note, checking the oil level and condition is highly advised.

Check for the presence of any low tire pressure warnings, which could be caused by a Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) issue. This system appears far from reliable, so ignore its warnings and check tire pressures by hand if required.

Performance issues that include "lugging" or "bogging" under light or moderate acceleration could be caused by a bad knock sensor, which may or may not be accompanied by a check engine light.

What owners like

Sentra owners report good ride quality, a relatively roomy interior and a decent-sized trunk. Sentra will likely surprise folks who don't like driving small cars. Storage space on board, as well as styling, were also highly rated.

What owners dislike

Dull orange instrument illumination is a big complaint here, as is the wide turning radius. Some owners wish for better fuel economy, easier-to-clean seats and better fuel economy.

Engines

Standard versions of this sixth-generation Sentra got a two-litre four-cylinder engine with 140 horsepower and a six-speed manual transmission. Nissan's CVT gearbox was available. The sports models got Nissan's 2.5 litre four-cylinder powerplant with up to 185 horsepower.

Verdict

Other than a few fairly minor problems, a used Sentra appears to be a relatively safe bet — so long as it gets a mechanical thumbs-up ahead of your purchase.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Identify your priorities and focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. You know what must be done and you know that now is the best time to do it. The new moon will help you make it look easy.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Your dreams can and will come true and you must believe that. The mind is a powerful tool and if there is even a glimmer of doubt, you will set up obstacles that need not be there.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Go to places that excite you. Talk with people whose ideas inspire you. Under the influence of today's new moon, you can and you must be as adventurous as possible.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Employers will go out of their way to make life easy for you over the next 24 hours — if they think that is what you need and desire. If you want help, just ask for it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Let your mind roam wherever it wants to and don't be afraid to think, say and do things that some other people might not approve of. You're at your best when rocking the boat.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Sometimes it is better to tell a friend a painful truth than a comfortable lie and that is the situation you are in at the moment. Let them know how you see their situation. They need your clear-headed input.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You must make an effort to communicate with loved ones. Make sure they know exactly what you are thinking. Minor disputes can easily be resolved over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Whatever you are currently working on, you must not try to push ahead too fast. Take it a step at a time, even if your progress seems to be slow. You'll get there in the end.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Say what you mean today and don't worry that it might hurt someone's feelings. It's your feelings that count and if the price of happiness is admitting that you no longer get on with someone then so be it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You know you are right about something but you can't find the evidence that will prove it. How frustrating. Maybe it's because you are looking too hard. Maybe you should back off a little, for now.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have high standards but not everyone has what it takes to live up to them. And why should they anyway if they don't share your measuring stick? It takes all sorts to make a world.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your current task may seem too big for you but the planets indicate you have what it takes to push through. Today's new moon will boost your self-belief. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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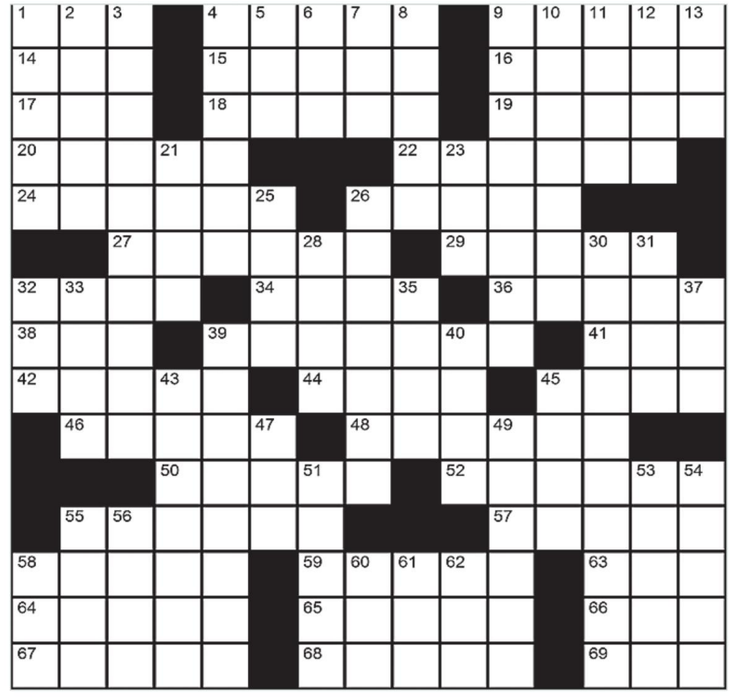
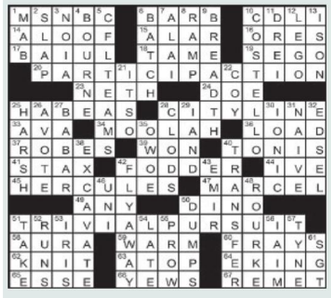


Across
1. Belonging to Ottawa's li'l province
4. Bay of __
9. Verse form of Japan
14. Toll hwy.
15. Actress Ms. Linney
16. Feminine suffix [pl.]
17. "Watch it!"
18. Tweak
19. Ms. Hayworth's
20. __ salts
22. American inventor, Thomas __
24. Canadian actress Ms. McAdams
26. Guitar bars
27. More pink
29. Adam of the Beastie Boys
32. Mount Rushmore state, _. __.
34. Deuces
36. Shaped like Earth
38. Hint
39. Shirt: French
41. Bread type
42. __-Roman wrestling
44. Scarce
45. Capricornanimal
46. Piece of land
48. Berlin's language
50. Providence, __ Island
52. Non-animal products eaters/users
55. Menu's main course
57. Official-sounding language
58. Director Ms. Coppola
59. "Call Me __" by Carly Rae Jepsen
63. "What's Love Got to Do with It" (1993) character
64. Tim of "Home Improvement"
65. Opera classic: "_ __ Mio"
66. River to the Volga
67. San Diego baseball player
68. 'Astro' suffix (Chris Hadfield, and others)
69. 'Neat' suffix (Really tidy person)

Down
1. Questionnaire choice
2. Hip Hop group, Salt-_-__
3. First Canadian Place (In Toronto, it's Canada's tallest one)
4. Calgary hockey players
5. 'Concept' completer
6. Almond, for one
7. Eminem's mentoring Dr.
8. More shipshape
9. James Moore, Canadian __ Minister
10. Under debate: 2 wds.
11. "Leave __ __ Beaver"
12. Surname of Shakespearean actor of yore Edmund
13. _.-._. Enterprise
21. "__, _ _." (That's fine then)
23. Susan of "The Partridge Family"
25. Baltic country, for short
26. Cheese: French
28. Pitcher
30. British soap on the CBC, "__ Street"
31. "Howdy!": 2 wds.
32. Like some silver, for short
33. Soil
35. King's title of address
37. Sleuth, for short
39. "No Regrets" singer Tom
40. 'S' of EMS, for short
43. Explorer, Jacques __ (b.1491 - d.1557)
45. Lady of music
47. Shoe part
49. Fights
51. Devil
53. Ms. Blonsky of "Hairspray" (2007)
54. __ preview
55. Lake __ Park in Orlando, Florida
56. Li'l East Coast locale
58. Maple syrup origin
60. __ matter of fact: 2 wds.
61. Not me
62. Caf' serving

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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8								5
		2				6		
5	7		2		3		8	1
				7				
1	2		9		4		7	6
		3				5		
7								9
	8		4	9	2		1	

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	3	2	1	6	9	4	7	8
8	4	6	3	5	7	2	1	9
1	7	9	8	4	2	5	3	6
3	1	8	2	7	4	6	9	5
9	6	4	5	3	1	8	2	7
7	2	5	9	8	6	3	4	1
4	9	1	6	2	8	7	5	3
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2	8	3	7	9	5	1	6	4

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